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S^{stab}TAB 65



And now... Round Two !!!

STABBINGS?

GAMESMASTER

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TODAY'S THOUGHT: "What is life, when you come to think upon it, but a most excellent, accurately set, infinitely complicated machine for turning fat playful puppies into old mangy blind dogs, and proud war horses into skinny nags, and succulent young boys, to whom the world holds great delights and terrors, into old weak men, with running eyes, who drink ground rhino-horn?"

"What is man, when you come to think upon him, but a minutely set, ingenious machine for turning, with infinite artfulness, the red wine of Shiraz into urine?" -- Isak Dineson

EXPLANATIONS This issue of sTab is, I realize, a little late (it was due out 15 August 1970), and I suppose you are all expecting some fanciful explanation of the delay. So, I'll provide one... or even several.

The weekend that sTab #65 was due out I went to Clarion, Pennsylvania, and spent an enjoyable two days losing an incredible variety of games to Charles Reinsel. When I returned from Clarion I discovered that a number of moves had not arrived... a large number. Rather than go to press with so many blank spaces I resolved to wait a week or so and see what would come in. That was a mistake.

First, finals week at Youngstown State, where I teach part-time, came up, and then high school (where I teach full-time) began. During the school year I pursued a rather strenuous schedule. Each Monday morning I would drive to Canton, Ohio, some 50 miles away, and teach high school. That night I would prepare my college lectures in a small room I rented there. Tuesday I would teach in Canton, then drive back to Youngstown to teach a night class at YSU. Wednesday back to Canton, then back to Youngstown for another night class. Ditto Thursday. Friday, after school, I would drive to Cleveland where I would visit this interesting little... but that is another story for another time. I would, in any case, get home on Saturday afternoon or evening and immediately begin either preparing for the next week's classes or go to sleep. I would also mention here that as advisor to the high school newspaper and yearbook I had little free time during the school day, and gave up what was left of my weekend about every third week to work with my students on publications.

Now, teaching full-time in high school and in addition teaching what is at some colleges a full-time load (9 hours), driving nearly 1000 miles a week, etc., takes a lot out of one. Added to this were the deaths of several members of my family over the Christmas holidays when I had planned to publish this issue, the virtual disintegration of my mimeo, the death of another family member (none of them in the immediately family, thank god) in the spring, and a number of other problems that I do not plan to go into here. Anyway, things got rather messed up. In addition, the missing moves never did come in -- to my knowledge (I didn't open diplomacy mail for many months, and some may have been lost).

I should have turned the games over to other, willing hands (of which there were many... thanks), but I am too stubborn to do that. I'm sorry. Now, however, is the time for recovery. sTab should come out on a regular schedule for the foreseeable future, but there will have to be a period of adjustment at the beginning. Some players have very probably vanished... others have moved. Rather than print games with a lot of missing moves, I have chosen (with the exception of the Trantor games, which were complete last August) to summarize piece positions and supply center holdings for all games and call for moves. I have, in each case, noted whose moves are still missing, but any player is entitled to submit new moves if he wishes. The next issue of sTab is scheduled for a month after this rather abbreviated one. I hope that in that time all vacancies can be at least discovered and perhaps filled and we can get underway again. I know many of you are justifiably impatient.

A roster of players is presented with each game, for the convenience of those of you who have forgotten addresses. Would you please check over these rosters and let me know of any address changes (there may be many)? Also, those of you who are subscribers and who have moved will find this issue forwarded to you (I hope). Please let me know before the next deadline if you have changed addresses. I will try to make future issues of sTab worth any trouble you may be put to to get hold of them.

Finally, since I know there will have been some disappearances among players, I am looking for substitutes (no cost to you). If you are willing to take over a position, please let me know.

Oh, yes... I plan to make the 4th of July DIPCON III in Oklahoma... see some of you there?

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE IS WEDNESDAY, 22 JULY 1970

--- -- sTab #V Interim 24 June 1970

CORRECTION TO "WINTER 1907"

FRANCE's build should be "Build Fleet Brest" ((not Fleet Rome))

POSITIONS PRIOR TO "FALL 1908"

KAL NAUS

ENGLAND: F Edi, F Lyon

FRANCE: F Lon, F Bre, F Nap, A Pic, A Bur, A Bel
TURKEY: F Aeg, A Con, A Ank

DEREK NELSON

ITALY: F Tus, F Tyrr, A Ven, A Rom
AUSTRIA: F Ion

JOHN SMYTHE

RUSSIA: F Gre, F Sev, F Lvp, F Nth, F Hol, F Den, F Bar, A Ruh
A Nwy, A Mun, A Sil, A Tyr, A Vie, A Tri, A Ser, A Bul,
A Sev

SUPPLY CENTER HOLDINGS (after 1907)

ENGLAND: Lvp, Edi ((2))
FRANCE: Par, Bre, Mar, Por, Spa, Bel, Lon ((7))
TURKEY: Ank, Smy, Con ((3))

ITALY: Ven, Rom, Nap, Tun ((4))
AUSTRIA: Tri ((1))

RUSSIA: StP, Waz, Mos, Sev, Rum, Swe, Nwy, Den, Ber, Kie, Bud, Mun,
Bul, Hol, Vie, Ser, Gre ((17))

DEADLINE FOR "FALL 1908" MOVES IS WEDNESDAY, 22 JULY 1970
Needed: moves from Smythe, Nelson

ADDRESSES:

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Derek Nelson, 227 Sherburn St., Winnipeg 10, Manitoba, Canada
John Smythe, 4207 Teri Lane, Lincoln, Nebraska 68502

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"Winter 1916, Game III"

24 June 1970

A R M I E S B I G T H I S Y E A R

ENGLAND, ITALY EXPAND

POSITIONS PRIOR TO "WINTER 1916"

ENGLAND: F Both, F Bal, F Nwy, F Nth, F WMed, A StP, A Hol, A Kie,
A Ruh, A Mun
ITALY: F Gre, F Alb, F Ion, F Adr, F Apu, A Ven, A Tri, A Ser
AUSTRIA: F Aeg, F EMed, A Rum, A Bud, A Vie, A Tyr, A Boh, A Ber,
A Pru, A Lvn, A Mos

SUPPLY CENTER HOLDINGS AND BUILD REQUIREMENTS:

ENGLAND: Lon, Lvp, Edi, Nwy, Bel, Hol, Swe, Bre, StP, Den, Kie, Mun
 ((12)) Build TWO
 GERMANY: ~~Kie~~ ((OUT))
 ITALY: Nap, Ven, Tun, Spa, Rom, Por, Par, Mar, Tri, Ser, Gre
 ((11)) Build TWO - no room for third build
 AUSTRIA: Vie, Bud, ~~Gre~~, Rum, Bul, Con, Ank, Ber, Smy, ~~Wyn~~, War, Sev,
 Mos ((11)) No change

Winter 1916

ENGLAND: Build Army London, Army Edinburgh
 (Pournelle)

ITALY: Build Army Rome, Army Naples
 (Clark)

 DEADLINE FOR "SPRING 1917" ORDERS IS WEDNESDAY, 22 JULY 1970

ROME "The prevention of an Italian Victory" indeed! All we did,
 in the interests of our eternal alliance, was to redress the
 balance from 15 Austrian - 8 Italian to an equitable 11-11. And
 now this!

ADDRESSES:

ENGLAND: Jerry E. Pournelle, 12051 Laurel Terrace, Studio City,
 California 91604

ITALY: Frank Clark, 5506 Fiske Place, Alexandria, Virginia 22312

AUSTRIA: John W. Smythe, 4207 Teri Lane, Lincoln, Nebraska 68502

 -"Spring 1908, Game IV"-

I T A L Y C A U G H T I N A T L A N T I C

A U S T R I A C A U G H T I N P O L A N D

SUPPLY CENTER HOLDINGS (after 1907)

ENGLAND: Lon, Lvp, Edi, Nwy, StP, Swe ((6))
 GERMANY: Ber, Kie, Hol, Bel, ~~Par~~, Bre, Den, Mun ((8))
 ITALY: Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun, Mar, Por, Spa ((7))
 AUSTRIA: Vie, Bud, Tri, Ser, Bre, War ((6))
 TURKEY: Ank, Con, Smy, Sev, Bul, Rum, Mos ((7))

Spring 1908

ENGLAND: F Iri-Mid; F Nat (S) F Iri-Mid; F Eng (S) F Iri-Mid;
 (Beyerlein) F Nwg-Nth; A StP-Mos; A Nwy-StP

GERMANY: A Sil-War; A Lvn (S) A Sil-War; A Mun-hold; A Ruh (S)
 (Smythe) A Mun; A Bur-Mar; A Gas-Spa; F Pic-Bre; F Bal-Pru

ITALY: F Ion-Tyrr; A Mar-hold; F Spa(sc) (S) A Mar; F WMed-Naf;
(Prosnitz) F Mid-hold; A Ven-Tyr; A Pie (S) A Ven-Tyr

AUSTRIA: A War (S) A Boh-Sil; A Bud-Gal; A Ser-Bud; F Gre (S)
(White) ITALIAN F Ion; A Boh-Sil; A Tyr-Mun

TURKEY: A Mos (S) AUSTRIAN A War; A Ukr (S) A Mos; A Rum (S)
(Kuch) F Bul(sc); F Bla (C) A Con-Sev; F Bul(sc) (S) F Aeg;
A Con-Sev; F Aeg (S) F Bul(sc)

Underlined moves do not succeed. The Austrian Army Warsaw is annihilated. The Italian Fleet Mid-Atlantic may retreat to Portugal, the Western Med, or off the board ((retreat received)). The Austrian Army Tyrolia may retreat to either Bohemia, Vienna, Trieste, or off the board. Retreats should be submitted along with "Fall 1908" orders, which may be made conditional upon them.

DEADLINE FOR "FALL 1908" ORDERS IS WEDNESDAY, 22 JULY 1970

VIENNA Death to the English Imperialists and bless the ventures of the Roman Republic.

ADDRESSES:

ENGLAND: Doug Beyerlein, 3934 S.W. Southern, Seattle, Wash. 98116
GERMANY: John Smythe, 4207 Teri Lane, Lincoln, Nebraska 68502
ITALY: Eugene Prosnitz, 200 Clinton St., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201
AUSTRIA: W. Gerald White, 4004 S.E. Pine St., Portland, Oregon 97214
TURKEY: Terry Kuch, 4242 East-West Hwy., Chevy Chase, Md. 20015

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"Interim, Game IV"

24 June 1970

POSITIONS PRIOR TO "SPRING 1905"

ENGLAND: F Edi, F Nth, F Mid, F Spa(sc), A Bel, A Bur
FRANCE: F Gas, A Mun, A Por
GERMANY: F Swe, F Bal, A Kie, A Pru, A Sil, A Mar
ITALY: F Nap, F Tun, A Ven, A Pie
AUSTRIA: A Vie
RUSSIA: F Ank, F Nwy, F Both, A Mos, A War, A Gal, A Bud, A Rum
TURKEY: F Adr, F Ion, F Aeg, A Gre, A Ser, A Tri

SUPPLY CENTER HOLDINGS (after 1904)

ENGLAND: Lon, Lvp, Edi, Bel, Bæe, Spa ((6))
FRANCE: Par, Por, Mun ((3))
GERMANY: Ber, Kie, Hol, Den, Swe, Mar ((6))
ITALY: Rom, Ven, Nap, Tun ((4))
AUSTRIA: Vie ((1))
RUSSIA: Mos, War, StP, Sev, Rum, Nwy, Bud, Ank ((8))
TURKEY: Con, Sny, Bul, Gre, Tri, Ser ((6))

DEADLINE FOR "SPRING 1905" ORDERS IS WEDNESDAY, 22 JULY 1970
 Orders needed from Greene and Cochran

ADDRESSES

ENGLAND: Mehran Thomson, Jr., 3612 E. Huron River Dr., Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104
 FRANCE: Hal Naus, 1011 Barrett Ave., Chula Vista, Calif. 92010
 GERMANY: Doug Beyerlein, 3934 S.W. Southern, Seattle, Wash. 98116
 ITALY: Jack Greene, Jr., 670 Darrell Rd., Hillsborough, Calif. 94010
 AUSTRIA: Sid Cochran, Jr., 1816 College, Tyler, Texas 75701
 RUSSIA: Derek Nelson, 277 Sherburn St., Winnipeg 10, Manitoba, Canada
 TURKEY: Frank Clark, 5506 Fiske Place, Alexandria, Virginia 22312

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"Interim, Game L"

24 June 1970

POSITIONS PRIOR TO "WINTER 1904"

FRANCE: F Edi, F Nth, F WMed, F Lyon, A Kie, A Hol, A Bur, A Yor
 GERMANY: F Ska, F Den, F Helg, A Sil, A Mun
 ITALY: F EMed, F Aeg, F Ion, A Smy, A Bul, A Ser, A Bud, A Gal, A Ven, A Pie
 RUSSIA: F Con, F Bla, F Swe, F Nwy, A Pru, A War, A Ukr, A Sev, A Rum

SUPPLY CENTERS AND BUILD REQUIREMENTS

ENGLAND: ~~XXX~~ ((OUT))
 FRANCE: Par, Bre, Mar, Spa, Por, Bel, Lvp, Lon, Edi, Kie, Hol ((11)) Build THREE
 GERMANY: Ber, Mun, ~~Kie~~, Den, ~~Wol~~, ~~Ska~~ ((3)) Remove TWO
 ITALY: Rom, Ven, Nap, Tun, Tri, Vie, Bud, Ser, ~~XXX~~, Gre, Bul, Smy ((11)) Build ONE
 RUSSIA: Mos, StP, War, Sev, Ank, ~~Bul~~, ~~Smy~~, Nwy, Con, Swe, Rum ((9)) No change

DEADLINE FOR "WINTER 1904" ORDERS IS WEDNESDAY, 22 JULY 1970

Need moves from Halle, Lebling, and Francis

ADDRESSES:

FRANCE: Eduard Halle, P.O. Box 903, Gainesville, Fla. 32601
 GERMANY: Dave Lebling, 3 Rollins Court, Rockville, Maryland 20852
 ITALY: Dave Francis, 1612 7th Ave., Westminster, B.C., Canada
 RUSSIA: Rod Walker, 5058 Hawley Blvd., San Diego, Calif. 92116

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"Interim. Game 1968AD"

24 June 1970

POSITIONS PRIOR TO "FALL 1907"

FRANCE: F Pie, F Spa(sc), F Mid, A Pic, A Bur
 GERMANY: F Bal, F Eng, F Hol, A Kie, A Mun
 ITALY: F Lvp, A Bel
 RUSSIA: F Nat, A Sil, A Lvn, A Mos, A Sev, A Ukr, A Gal
 TURKEY: F Bla, F Aeg, F Adr, A Arm, F Tyrr, A Bul, A Rum, A Bud,
 A Vie, A Tri, A Boh

SUPPLY CENTER HOLDINGS (after 1906)

FRANCE: Par, Spa, Por, Rum, Ven ((5))
 GERMANY: Kie, Hol, Den, Lon, Ber, Bre ((6))
 ITALY: Mar, Mun, Lvp, Bel ((4)) Two short
 RUSSIA: Mos, War, Edi, StP, Nwy, Swe, Rum, Sev ((8))
 TURKEY: Ank, Smy, Bul, Gre, Ser, Nap, Vie, Tun, Con, Bud, Tri((11))

 DEADLINE FOR "FALL 1907" ORDERS IS WEDNESDAY, 22 JULY 1970

Moves needed from Latimer, Peery, Smythe, and Zelazny

ADDRESSES:

FRANCE: James W. Latimer III, 4011 Silver Hill Rd., Suitland,
 Maryland 20023
 GERMANY: Larry Peery, 4567 Virginia Ave., San Diego, Calif. 92115
 ITALY: John A. McCallum, P.O. Box 52, Ralston, Alberta, Canada
 RUSSIA: John W. Smythe, 4207 Teri Lane, Lincoln, Nebraska 68502
 TURKEY: Monte Zelazny, P.O. Box 1062, Melbourne, Fla. 32901

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STUCK CAREY, 2002 Westfield St., Alexandria, Virginia The discus-
 sion in
 your zine on American monarchies is very intesting. Walker has
 some good points; however, there is one I must take exception to.
 In my opinion, George III's heirs are not heirs to an American
 throne. As Rod himself said, "...the people of a nation are the
 only judge of legitimacy, and the principle of legitimacy is what-
 ever the law says it is." Therefore, in my view, George III was
 declared "illegitimate" (as King, of course) by the American people
 with the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Jarden had an excellent point for those wishing to set up a
 kingdom in the U.S., and that is his suggestion that we "royalize"
 one of the Baltimore Bonapartes, there being a native family and
 all that. ((John Boardman says they are all dead, however -- stab
 #64 -- putting us in the literal position of trying to "dig up"
 a king for the US.)) I submit that the Baltimore guys are not as
 deserving as perhaps the Kennedys are, who probably are the closest
 thing this country has ever had to a royal family.

thing this country has ever had to royalty. My candidate for any King job is Teddy Kennedy. ((This was written 14 July 1969.)) The fact that his brother was "monarch" of the USA gives his claim more strength.

I seriously think that America would be better off if we had a constitutional monarchy like Great Britain's. The King could take care of all the entertaining chores of the President, and the prime minister would be left to devote all his energies to affairs of state. It wouldn't take much to do this; just a few changes in the Constitution. The real chore would be in changing the attitudes of the people towards an American Royal House.

JOHN BOARDMAN, 234 E. 10th St., Brooklyn, New York 11216

Rod Walker's argument that the "Estates" of a nation have the right to dispose of its crown is certainly valid; there have been numerous circumstances under which representatives of a nation have sat in solemn conclave and changed the terms under which the crown may be inherited. (Perhaps the most recent example of this was the Danish referendum which repealed the Salic Law in that country, making Princess Margaret rather than her uncle Prince Knud the heir to her father King Frederik IX.) But if a disinherited line exists under the terms of such a change, they can always put up a howl about the sacred character of monarchic inheritance - as the Jacobites did in Great Britain, or the Carlists in Spain.

As far as I know, succession in France has always been through the male line since Hugh Capet seized the throne about a thousand years ago. Presumably the situation Rod mentions ("in which the succession did pass through the female line when direct male succession was impossible") took place earlier. The Capet male line is most unusual among royal dynasties, in that the male succession has never failed. The direct, Valois, and Bourbon lines have died out, and the Bourbon-Spain line (also called "Bourbon-Anjou") is of dubious legitimacy, but the Bourbon-Parma and Bourbon-Orleans lines are still going strong. The youngest line, Bourbon-Condé, terminated in the Duke of Enghien executed under the orders of Napoleon I, in one of the classic cases of misapprehension of circumstantial evidence.

WILLIAM LINDEN, 83-33 Austin St., Kew Gardens, New York 11415

Someone should tell poor, ignorant Rodney that Queens County (I suppose he also considers that "ludicrous and unmeritorious"?) has been an integral part of the City of New York since 1898, and can not by any stretch of the imagination be called a "suburb." But such ignorance is only to be expected of a Californian.

As I understand it, Lucien was disinherited by Napoleon, who considered him disreputable. To top it off, Jerome's American marriage was annulled only by Napoleon's decree. If we recognize it (the Pope did), then the German marriage was bigamous, and the present line of descendants is illegitimate. Which is just as well; I don't think that the Emperor would really approve of present-day Bonapartism. ("The House of Bonaparte begins on the 18th Brumaire.")

CONTEST

In sTab #63 I ran a contest. It consisted of the following list and questions:

Tyrfing	Aiglos	Glamdring
Nothung	Cortana	Tizona
Durendal	Mistilteinn	Anduril
Joyeuse	Gramm	Sacnoth
Colada	Hurinting	Caudimordax
Narsil		

- 1) What is it a list of? (Hint: neither oranges, beers, nor those apprehended in a National City restroom is correct.)
- 2) Which one doesn't belong on the list, and why?
- 3) Some of these can reasonably be paired... which? And how?
- 4) Associate a proper noun with each.

Only one person -- William Linden -- entered the contest! I had expected at least scholars of the calibre of Rodney Walker (.22 pin-head) and John Boardman to give a try. Here is Linden's (largely correct) answer and Mehran Thomson's solution (Mehran designed the quiz).

LINDEN: 1) Famous literary swords.

2) Aiglos, which is a spear.

3) Plenty. Nothung and Gramm are the sword of the hero in two versions of the Sigurd legend. Colada and Tizona both belonged to the Cid. Narsil and Anduril are the same sword at different stages in its career ((in TLOTR)). Narsil and Aiglos carried all before them at Dagorlad.

4) Nothung - Siegfried

Durendal - Roland (or Orlando)

Joyeuse - Charlemagne

Colada - The Cid

Narsil - Elendil

Aiglos - Gil-Galad

Cortana-Holger Dankke

Gramm - Sigurd

Glamdring - Gandalf

Tizona - The Cid

Anduril - Aragorn

Sacnoth - Leothric

Caudimordax - Farmer Giles

((to which could have been added "Thunderbolt - Lord Indra"))

THOMSON: 1) and 2) same as above.

3) Mehran noted only Narsil and Anduril, Nothung and Gram, Colada and Tizona.

4) Same as above, except for "Tyrfing - Svafrlame", "Durendal - Roland or Hector", "Mistilteinn- Viking", and "Hurinting - Beowulf."

Mehran suggests you also try: Morglay, Flamberge, and Quernbiter. Or the spear of Odin? Or perhaps the vulgar name of Caudimordax.

My deepest thanks and admiration for Linden, who scored much higher than I did. As his long-awaited prize, a 10" Toledo sword miniature, which I bought in Chicago in 1963 from an antique store going out of business. Wear it in good health... and expect it soon.

And - see you next issue. Keep those cards and letter coming. jgk